

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 3:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, as follows:

The invention relates to a device for stacking flat, flexible postal items in a stacking compartment ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following paragraph on page 2, line 5:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, as follows:

~~In accordance with the invention the object is achieved by the features of claim 1.~~ one aspect involves a device for stacking flat, flexible postal items in a stacking compartment in an upright position includes a stacking roller positionable in proximity of the stacking compartment. A covered belt system feeds the postal items consecutively to the stacking roller, wherein the belt system has a first belt and a second belt. A deflection roller on an axis deflects the first belt from the second belt so that the second belt continuous to transport a postal item to the stacking roller. A first profile roller on the deflection roller has a predetermined roller length and includes a number of diameter taperings over its roller length. Deflectable pressure means press the postal items into the diameter taperings of the first profile roller to reduce a free flexible lengths of a postal items.

Please insert the following paragraph on page 3, line 18:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph on page 3, line 28:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please add the enclosed abstract on a separate page.

Attachment: Abstract on a separate page